Statement showing the number of O. S. and S. C. suits filed for the last ten years in the Vadakkancheri Munsiff's Court.

Serial No.	Year	No. of suits filed			No. of suits filed from Kunnamkulam Firka within a radius of 6 miles			Remarks
		Original suits	Small Cause suits	Total	Original suits	Small Cause suits	Total	
1	1088	713	745	1,458	211	169	380	Little above ¼
2	1089	723	766	1,489	219	201	420	,, 1/3
3	1090	678	861	1,539	176	189	365	Less than ½
4	1091	846	955	1,801	312	177	489	Little above ¼
5	1092	801	829	1,630	318	298	616	,, 1/3
6	1093	870	853	1,723	321	304	625	,, 1/3
7	1094	1,155	1,112	2,267	302	310	612	,, ¼
8	1095	1,045	1,362	2,407	349	305	654	,, ¼
9	1096	720	924	1,644	351	315	666	,, 1/3
10	1097	695	806	1,501	366	320	686	,, 1/3

Allotment of Time for Non-Official Business.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—A point of order, Sir, regarding the allotment of time for non-official business. No time has been allotted for attending to non-official business.

President.—Yes, no time has been allotted for non-official business.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am referring to Standing Order No. 6. According to Standing Order No. 6, the President shall, at the commencement of each session, allot some days, in his opinion, compatible with public interests, for the non-official business. I may refer to a communication from the Secretary that no resolutions will be taken up during the budget session. I then and there pointed out that at every session some day must be allotted for non-official business. So the matter was before the Government for a long time. I now find you have made arrangements for the business without taking note of the non-official business. So it is curtailing the rights of this

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House, which was brought to the notice of the Government, and which the Government did not consider.

President.—This is a budget session.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is no session for the budget alone.

President.—It is to consider the business of the budget and the budget alone that we have this session, and hence no time can be allotted for the despatch of anything other than official business.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Diwan must at least give one day. Here, in the Standing Order, it is said "at least as many days as possible compatible with public interest for non-official business shall be allotted." He should cut down the days for official business at least by one day or extend the period by one day. He must give at least one day for non-official business or at least one hour.

President.—You do not read the qualifying clause "as many days as are in his opinion compatible with the public interests for the business of the non-official members."

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is, you should give as many days as possible to the non-official business.

President.—The Diwan thinks that it is not compatible with public interests to allot any time for non-official business.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—According to the rules, non-officials can have at least one day for themselves.

President.—It is not an absolute right. It is only a qualified right.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Here we find the word "shall" but not "may".

President.—I mean the Diwan has not allotted any day for the non-official business.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I take it Sir, that it is in your discretion not to allot or allot any day for the non-official business?

President.—Yes.

The Finance Member's speech.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, with your permission, I rise to present to this Council the budget estimates for the next financial year. In so doing, I feel my task comparatively lighter than what it was last year. I have already had the benifit of the experience of a budget debate in this Council and thus realising the view point of the members who constitute this House. The budget estimates I propose to present have been fully discused by the Standing Finance Committee, and I must

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